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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN ONLY FROM LUERS

E.O. 11652:

TAGS:PFOR,

SUBJECT: THE RANGELS AND MY TRAVEL PLANS

1. THE RANGELS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AND SPEND FOLLOWING WEEK HERE AND NEW YORK. THEIR SCHEDULE, SOME TWO MONTHS IN THE MAKING, IS QUITE INFLEXIBLE WITH MOST APPOINTMENTS PRESENTING ALTERNATIVES ONLY OF KEEPING OR CANCELING THEM. THESE INCLUDE: JOSEPH DUFFY, CARTER CAMPAIGN; SOL LINOWITZ, WILLIAM SCRANTON, GEORGE BALL, REPRESENTATIVE LINDY BOGGS, ESTHER PETERSON, KATHERINE GRAHAM, SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK, NANCY HANKS, EUNICE SHRIVER AND YOU. ONLY LATTER TWO ARE TENTATIVE. SINCE THIS SCHEDULE IS SO FIRM WE WOULD HAVE TO CANCEL RATHER THAN POSTPONE.

2. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT I CANCEL MY PLANS TO DEPART ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. BOB CHATTEN AND CHARLIE BRAY COULD

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HELP ME SHOWER THEM WITH ATTENTION EARLY IN THEIR WEEKLONG

STAY. WE WILL TAKE THEM TO LUNCH MONDAY AFTER I HAVE SEEN THEM SOCIALLY OVER THE WEEKEND. COMBINED WITH YALE NEWMAN'S ESCORT OFFICER MINISTRATIONS AND MY INSISTENCE THAT CHATTEN IS THEIR GUARDIAN AND THAT BRAY IS THEIR NUMBER ONE CONTACT IN ARA, THIS SHOULD SET DESIRABLE TONE FOR OUR RELATIONS AND SEE THEM THROUGH THEIR TUESDAY DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK. BOB, YALE AND CHARLIE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ANY HEAT WHEN THEY RETURN LATER IN WEEK FOR REMAINDER OF WASHINGTON SCHEDULE (PROBABLY TWO DAYS).

3. BELIEVE FOREGOING PROVIDES ADEQUATE SECURITY TO PERMIT YOUR GIVING THEM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED INTERVIEW AT 11:00 A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

4. HAVING FOREGONE MY TENTATIVE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE ON SEPTEMBER 24, I WOULD THEN LEAVE FOR BOGOTA ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, WHERE I AM OBLIGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DARIEN GAP CONSULTATIVE GROUP (WITH AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE AND DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY COMMISSION). I WOULD THEN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO SAN DIEGO ON SEPTEMBER 30 TO MEET INS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GREENE AND OUR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS ON THE ILLEGALS QUESTION. I WOULD RETURN OVER THE WEEKEND.

5. OPTIONS: THERE ARE, AS ALWAYS, THREE OPTIONS:

FIRST, PROCEED AS I HAVE SUGGESTED AND TRUST THAT BOB CHATTEN AND CHARLIE WILL SHIELD YOU FROM THE RANGELS FOR THE COUPLE OF DAYS AT THE END OF THEIR STAY.

SECOND, CANCEL THE RANGELS VISIT.

THIRD, I CANCEL OUT OF THE BOGOTA MEETING.

6. RECOMMENDATION: THE LEAST BAD OF THESE OPTIONS FROM MY STANDPOINT IS THE FIRST. I KNOW HOW YOU DELIGHT IN THINKING ABOUT SUCH MATTERS OF STATE, BUT I NEED YOUR GUIDANCE ON WHETHER WE CAN PROCEED AS PROPOSED (OHTION 1). ROBINSON

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